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## The Ten Best Games of Chess Informant 105

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The young Cuban grandmaster Leinier Dominguez Perez has soared like a meteor and crossed the magic boundary of 2700 rating points. Thus, he has become a welcome participant in the strongest tournaments. One aspect of his play that enables him to stay in the chess elite is his exceptionally thorough theoretical preparation.

Although the nominees for Best Game included top players such as Anand, Kramnik, Carlsen, and Ivanchuk, the Chess Informant jury awarded the prize, by a decisive margin, to the victory of Dominguez over Morozevich at the tournament in Wijk aan Zee. I cannot help but admire the impressive move 13.Na4, and I can only imagine Morozevich's shock at that moment.

DESET NAJBOLJIH PARTIJA PRETHODNOG TOMA • ДЕСЯТЬ ЛУЧШИХ ПАРТИЙ ПРЕДЫДУЩЕГО ТОМА • THE BEST TEN GAMES OF THE PRECEDING VOLUME • DIE ZEHN BESTEN SCHACHPARTIEN AUS DEM VORIGEN BAND • LES DIX MEILLEURES PARTIES DU VOLUME PRÉCÉDENT • LAS DIEZ MEJORES PARTIDAS DEL TOMO PRECEDENTE • LE DIECI MIGLIORI PARTITE DEL VOLUME PRECEDENTE • DE TIO RÅSTA PARTIERNA I FÖREGÅENDE VOLYM • 上一卷最优秀的十盘棋 •

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1. DOMÍNGUEZ PÉREZ — MOROZEVICH	73	6	8	10	8	10	6	48
2. V. TOPALOV — KAMSKY	48	10	2	10	10	1	9	31
3. IVANCHUK — SERGEY KARJAKIN	75	9	8	7	2	3	1	29
4. V. ANAND — T. RADJABOV	45	9	1	6	8	1	1	23
5. RACROT — LYSYJ	83	10	3	1	9	1	1	22
6. M. CARLSEN — V. ANAND	146	1	6	3	5	8	1	22
7. PRUSIKIN — A. BRAUN	304	7	1	5	6	4	1	22
8. MOTYLEV — S. AZAROV	26	2	1	9	10	1	1	21
9. A. VOLOKITIN — M. KOBALIA	86	3	7	1	3	7	1	20
10. KRAMNIK — LÉKÓ	142	4	4	1	3	1	6	17
11. VI. AKOPIAN — LÉKÓ	148	5	1	1	1	9	1	15
12. D. NAVARA — SASIKIRAN	42	8	1	1	10	2	4	14
13. ARONIAN — LÉKÓ	174	1	1	1	4	8	1	13
14. HOU YIFAN — VALLEJO PONS	43	1	4	1	7	2	1	13
15. IVANCHUK — V. ANAND	128	1	1	1	1	10	1	11
16. V. ANAND — LÉKÓ	117	1	1	5	1	5	1	10
17. SERGEY KARJAKIN — MOROZEVICH	53	1	9	1	1	1	1	9
18. MOTYLEV — KASIMDZHANOV	29	1	4	5	1	1	1	9
19. B. GELFAND — IVANCHUK	18	1	7	1	1	1	1	8
20. INARKIEV — SJUGIROV	244	2	6	1	1	1	1	8
21. KAMSKY — V. TOPALOV	112	1	1	1	7	1	1	7
22. RUBLEVSKY — SERGEY VOJKOV	80	5	2	1	1	1	1	7
23. M. CARLSEN — KRAMNIK	177	1	1	1	3	1	1	3
24. SHIROV — E. VOROBOV	87	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
25. KRYAKVIN — VAL. POPOV	[98]	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
26. P. ELJANOV — IVANCHUK	126	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
27. TIVIAKOV — BUHMANN	92	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
28. B. GELFAND — SERGEY KARJAKIN	124	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
29. KRAMNIK — WANG YUE	127	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
30. N. SHORT — LE QUANG LIEM	240	1	1	1	1	1	1	0

1. L. Dominguez Perez 2717 — A. Morozevich 2771  
Wijk aan Zee 2009 — 105/73 [B90]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3  
Be6 8.Qd2 Nbd7 9.f3 b5 10.0-0-0 Rc8 11.g4 Nb6 12.g5 b4 [12...

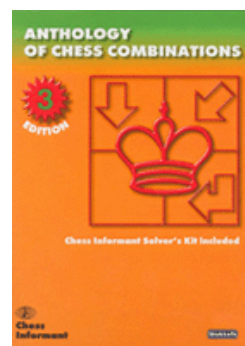
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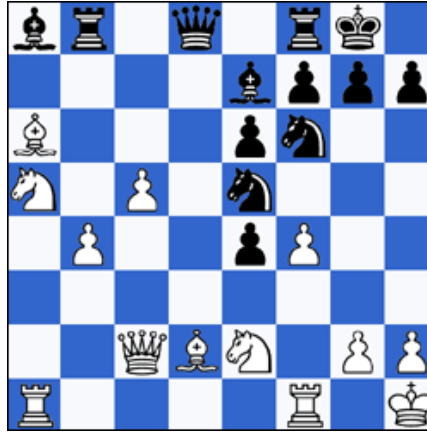
**13.Na4!!** [a novelty; 13.Nb1] **Ne4** [13...Na4 14.gf6 Qf6 (14...gf6 15. Qb4 Qc7 16.Rd2 and White is slightly better; 16.Bd3 and White is superior) 15.Ba6 Rb8 16.Na5 and White is superior] **14.fe4 Na4 15. Qb4 Qc7 16.Rd2 Bd7** [16...Nc5 17.Nc5 dc5 18.Qa4 Qc6 19.Qa6 c4 20.Qc6 Rc6 21.c3 and White is slightly better] **17.Qa5 Qc6** [17... Qa5 18.Na5 Be7 19.Rg1 Nc5 20.Bc5 Rc5 21.b4 Rc7 22.Ba6 and White is slightly better] **18.Ba6 Rb8** [18...Qe4?? 19.Bc8! Qh1 (19... Bc8 20.Qb5 Ke7 (only move) 21.Re1 and White is winning) 20.Rd1 Qc6 21.Bd7 Qd7 (21...Kd7 22.Qa4 Qa4 23.Nc5 and White is winning) 22.Qa8 Ke7 (only move) 23.Na5! and White is winning; 18...Ra8 19.Bb5 Qe4 (19...Ra5? 20.Bc6 Ra6 21.Bb7 and White is winning) 20.Bd7 Kd7 21.Qb5 (21.Qa4? Ra4 22.Nc5 Ke7! 23.Ne4 Re4 24.Rd3 Ke6 and Black is slightly better) Qc6 22.Qc6 Kc6 23. Rf2 and White is slightly better] **19.Rd5!** [and White is slightly better, with the idea Re5, weak point Ke8, Rb8, Na4] **Be7** (only move) **20.Ba7 Ra8** [20...Bg5 21.Kb1 Bd8 22.Qd2 Rb3 23.ab3 Qa6 24.Be3 and White is slightly better] **21.Bb5 Qb7 22.Qa4 Ra7 23. Na5 Qc7** [23...Bg5 24.Kb1 Qc7 25.Rhd1 0-0 26.Bd7 Qd7 27.Qd7 Rd7 28.Nc4 and White is superior] **24.Rhd1 Bb5?! 25.Qb5 Kf8** only move [25...Qd7?? 26.Qb8 Bd8 27.Rd6 and White is winning] **26.Kb1!** (and White is superior) **g6 27.Nc4 Rb7 28.Qa4 Qb8** [28... Kg7 29.Nd6 Bd6 30.Rd6 h6 31.Rd7 Qb6 32.Rb7 Qb7 33.Rd7 Qb6 34.gh6 Rh6 35.b4 Rh2 36.Qb3 Rf2 37.a4 and White is superior] **29. b3 Ra7 30.Qc6 Rc7 31.Rb5! Qa7** [31...Rc6 32.Rb8 Kg7 33.Rh8 Kh8 34.a4 and White is winning] **32.Qd5 Qf2 33.Qd2** (and White is winning) **Qf3** [33...Qd2 34.Rd2 Bg5 35.Rd6 Bf4 36.Rd8 Kg7 37. Rh8 Kh8 38.h3] **34.Nd6 Bg5 35.Nf5! Rc8 36.Rb8! 1-0** [L. Dominguez Perez, J. Ibarra]

## 2. V. Topalov 2796 – G. Kamsky 2725

Nice (rapid) 2009 — 105/48 [B42]

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 a6 5.Bd3 Nf6 6.0-0 d6 7.c4 b6 8. Nc3 Bb7 9.a4 Be7** [9...Nc6 10.Nc6 Bc6 11.Qf3! g6 12.Bg5 Bg7 13. Rfd1 h6 14.Bh4 0-0 15.Bc2 Qe7 16.Rd2 Rfd8 17.Rad1 and White is slightly better] **10.a5 ba5 11.Qa4 Nbd7!** [a novelty; 11...Nfd7 12. Be3 (12.Nb3 Nc6!) 0-0 13.Qa5 Qa5 14.Ra5 Rc8 15.Be2 Ne5 (15... Bf6?! 16.Ra3 Kf8 17.Rd1 Ke7 18.f3 Nc6 19.Nc6 Bc6 20.b4 Bb7 21. Na4 Rc6 22.Ra2 Rc7 23.c5 and White is slightly better) 16.Ra4 (16. b3 d5!) Nbd7 17.f3 Rab8 (17...Nb6 18.Nf5!) 18.b3 Nc5 19.Ra3 Ncd7 (with the idea d5) 20.Ra2 Nc6 21.Nc6! (21.Nc2 see 99/ (100)) Bc6 22.Rb1 and White is slightly better] **12.Nb3! 0-0 13.Na5 Qc7 14.f3** [14.Nb7 Qb7 15.Qc2 Rfc8 with counterplay; 14.Rd1 Nc5 (14...Rab8 15.Nb7 Rb7 16.Qa6! and White is slightly better) 15.Qc2 Rab8 16.b4 Nd3 17.Qd3 Ba8 18.Bf4 e5 19.Bg5 Rb4 20.Bf6 Bf6 21. Qd6 Qd6 22.Rd6 Bd8 23.Ra6 Ba5 24.R6a5 Rc4 25.Ra8 Rc3 equal] **Rab8! 15.b4?!** [15.Nb7 Qb7 16.Qa6?! Qa6 17.Ra6 Nc5 18.Ra7

Bd8! 19.Bc2 Bb6 and Black is slightly better, with initiative; 15. Be3 and White is slightly better] **Ba8** [15...Ne5 16.Be2 d5 17.Nb7 Rb7 18.ed5 Bb4 19.Ne4 and White is slightly better] **16.Kh1** [16. Ba3 Ne5 17.Be2 d5! 18.ed5 ed5 19.Nd5 Nd5 20.cd5 Bd5 and Black is slightly better, with initiative] **d5! 17.c5** [17.ed5 Bb4! 18.Ne4 Ne4 19.Be4 Nc5 20.Qa2 f5 21.Bc2 Bc3 and Black is winning] **Qe5 18.Bd2** [18.Qa3! Qd4 19.Rd1 Rb4 20.e5!! unclear] **Qd4 19.Qc2 Ne5! 20.Ba6** [20.Be2 de4 21.Nb3 Qb4! 22.Nd5 Qb3] **de4 21.Ne2 Qd8 22.f4?** [22.fe4]



**22...Nf3!** [22...Nd3!? 23.c6 Qb6 24.b5 Nf2 25.Rf2 Qf2 26.Be1 Qf1 27.Ng1 Nd5] **23.Bc3** [23.gf3? ef3 24.Ng3 f2 25.c6 Qd5 and Black is winning] **Ng4 24.c6** [24.gf3 Ne3! 25.Qd2 ef3 26.Ng3 f2 27.c6 Qa5!!; 24.Rad1!? Qc7 25.Qa4! Rbd8 26.Rd8 Rd8 27.h3 (27.gf3 ef3 28.c6 Rd6!) Ne3 28.Rc1 Nd5!] **Nfh2 25.Rfd1 Bd6 26.Be1** [26.Kg1 Qh4 27.Qe4 Qf2 28.Kh1 Bb4! 29.Bb4 Rb4! 30.Qb4 Nf3! and Black is winning] **Qf6 27.Rd6?** [27.Qe4? Qh6 28.Kg1 Bb4! 29.Bb4 Rb4 30.Qb4 Nf3 and Black is winning; 27.Qc3! e5 28.Rd6! Qd6 29.fe5 Ne5 (29...Qh6 30.Qh3) 30.Bg3 Nhg4 31.b5] **Nf3! 28.Ng1** [28.gf3 Qh6 29.Kg1 Qh2 30.Kf1 Ne3 mate] **Ne1 29.Qe2** [29.Re1 Qh4] **Qf4 30.g3 Qh6 0-1** [S. Shipov]

### 3. V. Ivanchuk 2779 – Sergey Karjakin 2706

Wijk aan Zee 2009 — 105/75 [B92]

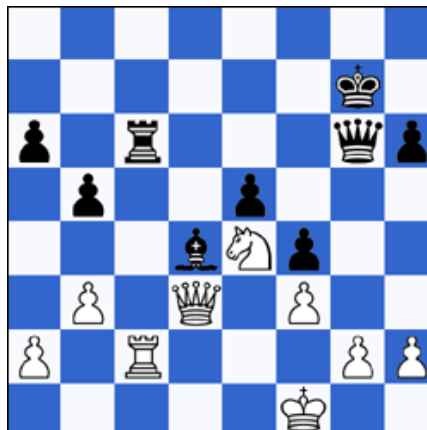
**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4 cd4 5.Nd4 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 Be6 10.Qd2 Nbd7 11.a4 Qc7 12.Rfd1 Rac8 13.a5 Nc5 14.Nc5 dc5 15.Qe1 Rfd8** [15...c4 see 75/(243)] **16.Rd8 Rd8 17.f3 c4 18.Na4 Nd7 19.Qc3!? f6** [a novelty; 19...Rc8; 19... Qc6!? with the idea 20.b3 cb3 21.Qc6 bc6 22.cb3 Bb3 23.Kf2 (23. Ba6 Ba4 24.Ra4 Bc5 25.Kf2 Be3 26.Ke3 Nc5 and Black is winning) Bb4 24.Ba6 Ba5 25.Bb7 Ba4 26.Ra4 Bb6 equal] **20.b3** [20.b4!?!] **Rc8 21.b4 Qc6 22.Qa3 f5?** [22...Qb5 23.c3 Rd8 24.Rd1 Bf7 25. Qa2 Rc8 26.Bf2 Bf8 27.Nb2 Be7 28.Rd2! Nf8! (28...Bf8? 29.Bd1! and White is winning) 29.Qa4 and White is slightly better] **23.b5!** [23.ef5 Bf5 24.Nb2 c3 25.Nc4 Kh8 26.Qc3 e4 27.Bd4 ef3 28.gf3 Bf6 29.Bf6 Nf6 with compensation] **ab5 24.Qe7 ba4 25.Rd1 Nf8 26.Rd6 Re8 27.Rc6 Re7**



**28.Bc5!! Rd7** [28...Re8 29.Rc7 Rc8 (29...fe4 30.Rb7 Ra8 31.Rb5 Nd7 32.Bb4 ef3 33.Bf3 and White is superior) 30.Rc8 Bc8 31.ef5 Bf5 32.Bc4 Be6 33.Bd3 and White is slightly better] **29.Rb6 fe4 30.fe4** [30.a6!? ba6 31.fe4 c3 32.Rb8 Rf7 33.Bd6 and White is superior] **c3** [30...Kf7 31.Kf2 (and White is winning) c3 (31...Ng6 32.Re6!) 32.Bf8] **31.Kf2 Ba2 32.a6 ba6 33.Rb8 Rf7 34.Ke3** (zugzwang) **g6** [34...h6 35.Bd6 zugzwang] **35.Bd6 Rf6 36.Rd8 a3 37.Ba3 Kg7 38.Bd6 Rf7 39.Be5 Kh6 40.Ba6 Ne6 41.Rc8 1-0** [V. Ivanchuk]

#### 4. V. Anand 2791 – T. Radjabov 2761 Linares 2009 — 105/45 [B33]

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Bf6 gf6 10.Nd5 Bg7 11.Bd3 Ne7 12.Ne7 Qe7 13.0-0 0-0 14.c4 f5 15.Qf3 d5 16.cd5 fe4 17.Be4 Rb8 18.Rfd1 f5** [18... Qd7 see 96/103] **19.d6 Qf6 20.Bc6 Be6 21.Bd5 Rbd8 22.Qb3 Bf7 23.Nc2 Rd6 24.Bf7 Rf7 25.Rd6 Qd6 26.Ne3 f4 27.Rd1 Qg6 28.Nd5 Bf8** [a novelty; 28...Kh8] **29.f3 Kh8 30.Nc3 Rg7** [30...Bc5 31.Kf1 Bd4 32.Ne4 Rc7 33.g4 fg3 34.hg3 Qg8 35.Qg8 Kg8 36.b3 Rc2 equal] **31.Rd2 Bc5 32.Kf1 Bd4 33.Ne4 Rc7** [33...Qh6 34.Rc2!] **34.Rc2 Rc6 35.Qd3** [35.g4 fg3 36.hg3 Rc2 37.Qc2 Qe6 (37...Qf7 38.Qc8 Kg7 39.Ng5 Qc4 40.Qc4 bc4 41.Ne6 Kf6 42.Nd4 ed4 43.Ke2 a5 44.b3 cb3 45.ab3 Ke5 46.Kd2 Kd5 47.Kd3 h5 equal) 38.b3 (38.Ng5 Qc4 39.Qc4 bc4 40.Nf7 Kg7 41.Nd6 Bb2 42.Nc4 Bd4 43.Ke2 h5 equal) Qh3 39.Ke1 (39.Qg2 Qh6) h5 with counterplay] **Kg7** [35...Qh6 36.Ng5] **36.b3** [36.g4 fg3 37.hg3 Rc2 38.Qc2 Qf7 39.Ng5 Qc4 40.Qc4 bc4 a) 41.b3? c3 42.Ne6 Kf6 43.Nd4 ed4 44.Ke2 c2 45.Kd2 d3 46.b4 (46.f4 Kf5 47.b4 Ke4 48.a4 Kf3) Ke5 47.a4 Kd4 48.b5 ab5 49.ab5 Kc5 and Black is winning; b) 41.Ke2 Bb2 42.Kd2 equal] **h6?** [36...Qh6! 37.Qd2 (37.h3 Qg6 equal) Rc2 38.Qc2 Qh2 39.Qc7 Kg8]

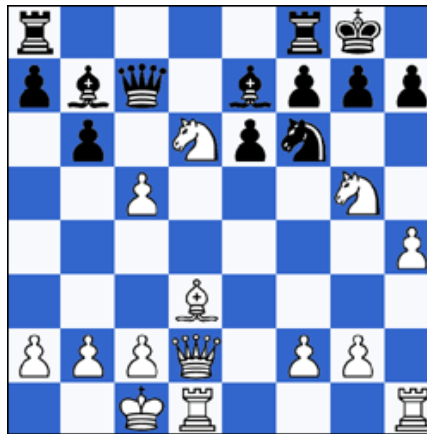


**37.g4! fg3 38.hg3** [and White is superior, with the idea g4, Ng3-f5]

**Qe6 39.Kg2 Qc8** [39...Rc2 40.Qc2 h5 41.Ng5 and White is superior] **40.Rc6 Qc6** [Q 8/f] **41.Qd2 Qe6** [41...h5 42.Qg5 Qg6 43.Qe7 Qf7 44.Qd6 Qg6 45.Qd7 Qf7 46.Qc6 Qg6 47.Nd6 and White is superior] **42.g4 Qc6 43.Ng3 Kh7 44.Nf5 Bb6 45.Qd3 Kh8 46.Qe2! Bc7** [46...Qc5 47.Kh3 and White is winning] **47.Qd2 Kh7 48.Ne7** (and White is winning) **Qc5** [48...Qd6 49.Qc2 e4 (49...Kh8 50.Nf5 Qb6 51.Qe4) 50.Qe4 Kh8 51.Qe3] **49.Qd3 Kh8 50.Qd7 e4 51.Qe8 Kg7 52.Nf5 Kf6 53.Qe4 Bb6 54.Kh3! h5 55.g5 Kg5 56.Ne7 Kf6** [56...Qg1 57.Qg6 Kf4 58.Qf6 Ke3 59.Qb6] **57.Nd5 Kg7 58.Qe5 Kh6 59.Qf6 Kh7 60.Qf7 Kh6 61.Ne7 1-0** [V. Anand]

**5. E. Bacrot 2722 – I. Lysyj 2620**  
Moscow 2009 — 105/83 [C13]

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 de4 5.Ne4 Be7 6.Bf6 Bf6 7.Nf3 0-0 8.Qd2 b6 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.0-0-0 Nd7 11.h4 c5 12.Nfg5 Be7 13.dc5 Qc7 14.Nd6 Nf6**

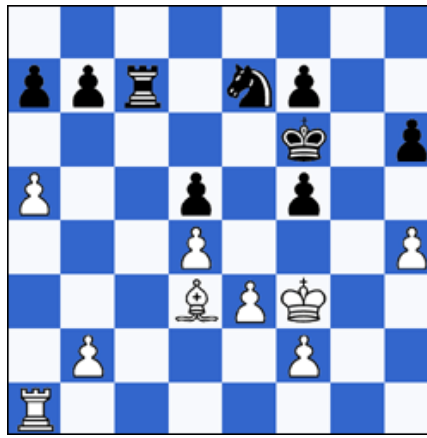


**15.Qe3!** [a novelty; 15.Ndf7 see 105/(83)] **h6** [15...bc5? 16.Ndf7! Rf7 17.Qe6 and White is winning] **16.Kb1** [16.Bg6!?] **bc5 17.Ndf7 Rf7** [17...hg5 18.Ng5 with attack, weak point Kg8] **18.Qe6 Bd5** (only move) **19.Bh7! Nh7 20.Qd5 Ng5** [20...Raf8 21.Nf7 Rf7 22.g4! and White is superior] **21.Qa8 Rf8 22.Qd5 Nf7 23.Qd7! Qd7 24.Rd7 Bf6 25.c3** [25.Ra7 and White is winning] **Re8** [25...a6 26.Ra7; 26.f4!?] **26.Ra7** (and White is winning) **Re2 27.Rc7 Ne5 28.Rc5 Nd3 29.Rb5 Nf2 30.Rc1 Bh4 31.a4 Bg5 32.Rc2 Re1 33.Ka2 Nd3 34.a5 1-0** [RR]

**6. M. Carlsen 2776 – V. Anand 2791**  
Linares 2009 — 105/146 [D45]

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.g4 Ng4 8.Rg1 Qf6 9.Rg4 Qf3 10.Rg7 Nf6 11.h3 Qf5** [a novelty; 11...h6 see 104/265] **12.Qf5 ef5 13.cd5 cd5 14.Nb5 Bb4 15.Bd2 Bd2 16.Kd2 Ke7 17.Bd3 Be6 18.Nc7!?** Rag8 **19.Ne6 Ke6 20.Rg8 Ng8?!** [20...Rg8 21.Rc1 Rg2 22.Ke2 Rh2 equal, with counterplay; M.Carlsen] **21.Ke2 Ne7 22.Kf3 Rc8 23.a4 Rc7 24.a5 h6 25.h4 Kf6** [R 9/i]





26.h5! (and White is superior) Nc8 27.Kf4 Nd6 28.Rg1 Rc8 29.f3 Ke6 [29...a6!?] 30.Rg7 Rh8 31.Bc2 Rc8 32.Bb3 Rh8 33.Rg1 Rc8 34.Rg7 Rh8 35.Rg2 Rc8 36.Rg1 (zugzwang) Ne8! [36...a6 37.Rg7 Rh8 38.Rg2 Rc8 39.Rg1 and White is superior, zugzwang] 37.e4 [37.Rg8?? Nf6 38.Rc8 Nh5 mate] fe4 38.fe4 Nf6 39.e5 Ne4 [39... Nh5 40.Ke3 and White is winning, weak point Nh5] 40.Ke3 b6 41.ab6 ab6 42.Kd3 Nf2 43.Ke2 Ne4 44.Ke3 f6 45.Rg6 Rc1 46.Rh6?! [46.ef6 Re1 47.Kd3 Nf6 48.Bd5 Kf5 49.Bf3 and White is superior; M.Carlsen] Rh1 47.Bc2 Rh3? [47...Re1 48.Kd3 (48.Kf3 Rf1 49.Kg4 Rg1) Rh1 and White is slightly better] 48.Kf4 Rh4 49.Kf3 Nd2 50.Ke2? [50.Kg3 Rd4 51.Rf6 Ke5 52.Rf5 Ke6 53.h6 Rc4 54.Bd3! (54.h7 Rc2) Rd4 (54...Rc8 55.h7 Rh8 56.Rg5 Ne4 57.Be4 de4 58.Rh5 and White is winning) 55.h7 Rd3 56.Kg4 and White is winning; M.Carlsen] Rh2 51.Kd1 Nc4 52.Rf6 Ke7 53.Bg6 Rd2 54.Kc1 Rd4 55.b3 Ne5 56.Rb6 Rh4 57.Bf5 Nf3? [57...Rh1! 58.Kc2 (58.Kb2 Nc4!! 59.bc4 Rh5) Nf3 M.Carlsen] 58.h6! Nd4 59.h7! [59.Bd3 Nb3!] Nf5 60.Rb8! Nd4 61.Kb2! Kd6 62.h8Q Rh8 63.Rh8 (and White is winning) Kc5 64.Rh5 Nc6 65.Rh4 Nb4 66.Ka3 d4 67.Rh5 Nd5 68.Kb2 Kc6 69.Ka3 Kc5 70.Rh4 Nb4 71.Rh8 Nc6 [better is 71...Nc2; 71...Nd5] 72.Rh5 Kd6 73.b4 d3 74.Rh3 Ne5 75.Kb3 d2 76.Kc2 Nc6 77.Rh4 Kd5 1-0 [RR]

7. M. Prusikin 2529 – A. Braun 2558  
Deutschland (ch) 2009 — 105/304 [E15]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.Qc2 c5 6.d5 ed5 7.cd5 Bb7 8.Bg2 Nd5 9.0-0 Nc7 10.Nc3 Be7 11.Rd1 [11.e4 see 97/(375)] Qc8 12.Bg5! [a novelty; 12.e4] f6 only move [12...Bf3 13.Bf3 Bg5 14.Ba8 Na8 15.Qe4 and White is winning; 12...Bg5 13.Ng5 Bg2 14.Kg2 and White is superior] 13.Bf4 Ne6 14.Nd5! Nc6 [14...Nf4 15.gf4! Bd5 16.Rd5 Nc6 17.Rd2! and White is slightly better] 15.Rac1 [15.Ne7!? Ke7 16.Bd6 Kf7 17.Rac1 and White is slightly better] Kf7? [15...0-0! 16.Ne7 (16.Nh4?! Rf7! equal) Ne7 17.Bd6 Re8 18.b4 cb4 19.Qb3 Nc6 20.Bb4 Kh8 21.e3 and White is slightly better] 16.h4! g6 17.h5 g5 18.Be3 Qg8



**19.b4!** [19.Qf5?! Rd8!] **cb4** [19...d6 (only move) 20.Qf5 Rd8 21. Ng5 Ng5 22.Nf6 Bf6 23.Bd5 Ke7 24.Bg5 Bg5 25.Bg8 Rdg8 26.bc5 bc5 27.Rc5! and White is winning] **20.Nf6!! Kf6 21.Rd7 Bc8** [21... Qc8 22.Qb2 Kf7 23.Ne5 and White is winning; 21...Rb8 22.Qb2 Kf7 23.Rc6 Bc6 24.Ne5 Kf8 25.Nc6 Re8 26.Ne7 and White is winning] **22.Qc6 Bd7 23.Bd4 1-0** [M. Prusikin]

#### 8. A. Motylev 2676 – S. Azarov 2600

Budva 2009 — 105/26 [B01]

**1.e4 d5 2.ed5 Qd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.h3 Bh5 7.g4 Bg6 8.Ne5 e6 9.Bg2 c6 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.f4** [11.Qe2 see 44/130] **Bb4?!** [11...Ne5? 12.de5 Nd7 13.f5; 11...Be7 12.Nd7!? (12.Qe2 Qb4 13.Qf2) Nd7 (12...Kd7 13.d5) 13.d5 with attack; 11...0-0-0! a) 12.Qe2 Qb6 a1) 13.Be3 Ne5! (13...Qb2 14.Nc6 with initiative) 14. de5 Qb2 and Black is slightly better; a2) 13.Nc4 Qa6 unclear; b) 12. Qf3 Qb6 13.Be3 h5!? unclear; c) 12.Qe1!? c1) 12...Qb6 13.Be3 c11) 13...Qb2? 14.Rb1 Qa3 (14...Qc2? 15.Rf2) 15.Bc6 (15.Rb7 Ne5 16.Rb3) bc6 16.Nc6 and White is superior; c12) 13...Ne5 14.de5 Bc5 15.Bc5 Qc5 16.Kh1 (16.Qf2 Qf2 17.Rf2 Nd7 and White is slightly better) Ne8 (16...Nd7 17.f5 ef5 18.gf5 Bh5 19.Qh4 g6 20.e6 and White is slightly better) 17.f5 ef5 18.gf5 Bh5 19.Qh4 g6 20. Rae1 and White is slightly better; c2) 12...Ne5 13.de5 Ne8!? (13... Nd5 14.f5 Nc3 15.fg6 Bb4 16.Bg5 and White is superior; 13...Nd7 14.f5 ef5 15.gf5 Bh5 16.Qh4 g6 17.e6 fe6 18.fe6 Ne5 19.Bf4 with initiative) 14.f5 ef5 15.gf5 Bh5 and White is slightly better] **12. Nd7! Kd7** [a novelty; 12...Nd7 13.d5! Bc3 (13...Qc5 14.Kh1 and White is superior; 13...0-0-0 14.f5 and White is superior) 14.bc3 Qc3 15.dc6 bc6 16.Qd6 (16.f5 Qa1 17.fg6 hg6 18.Bc6 0-0-0! unclear) 0-0-0 17.Bb2 Qc5 (17...Qe3 18.Rf2 and White is superior) 18.Qc5 Nc5 19.Bg7 Rhg8 20.Be5 and White is superior]



**13.f5!** [13.d5 a) RR 13...Kc7 14.f5! (14.dc6 Rad8 with counterplay) ef5 15.gf5 Bh5 (15...Qc5 16.Kh1 Bh5 17.Bf4 Kc8 18.dc6 bc6 19.

*Qd3 and White is winning*) 16.Bf4 Bd6 (16...Kc8 17.dc6 bc6 18.Qd3 Rd8 19.Qg3 Qf5 20.Be5 and White is superior) 17.Bd6 Kd6 18.Qe1 Qb6 19.Kh1 cd5 20.Qg3 Kd7 21.Nd5 Nd5 22.Bd5 and White is superior; Sasa Velickovic; b) 13...cd5 14.f5 Bc3! 15.fg6 (15.bc3 ef5) Be5 16.g5 Qc5 17.Kh1 hg6 18.gf6 gf6 unclear; 16.gf7! and White is slightly better] **ef5 14.d5! c5** [14...Rad8 15.dc6 Kc7 16.Bf4 Bd6 and White is superior; 14...Kc8! 15.Bg5!? (15.gf5 Bh5 16.dc6 bc6 17.Qd3 Rd8 18.Qg3 Rb8 19.Kh1 and White is slightly better; 15.dc6 bc6 16.Kh1 Ne4 17.Bf4 with initiative) Ne4 (15...Bc3 16.bc3 Qc5 17.Kh1 Ne4 18.Bh4 Nc3 19.dc6! bc6 20.Qd3 and White is superior) 16.Bh4! (with attack) Bc3 17.bc3 Nc3 18.Qd2 Qc5 (18...cd5 19.gf5 Bh5 20.Rae1 and White is superior) 19.Bf2 Qc4 20.dc6 bc6 21.Rfd1 and White is superior] **15.Bg5!** [15.gf5? Bh5 16.Qd3 Rae8 unclear; 15.d6!? c4 16.Qf3 Qb6 (16...Rab8 17.gf5 Bh5 18.Qg3 Rhe8 and White is slightly better) 17.Be3 fg4 18.hg4 Bc5 19.Bc5 Qc5 20.Kh1 Rab8 and White is slightly better] **f4** [15...Bc3 16.bc3 Qc3 (RR 16...fg4 17.Bf6 gf6 18.Qg4 f5 19.Rf5! Bf5 20.Qf5 and White is winning; Sasa Velickovic) a) RR 17.Bf6 Qf6 18.gf5 Bf5 19.Qf3 g6 (19...Qd4 20.Kh1 Bg6 21.d6! Rab8 22.Rab1 and White is winning) 20.d6! Qd4 21.Kh1 Rab8 22.Rab1 Rhe8 23.Rfd1 Qe4 24.Qb3 and White is winning; Sasa Velickovic; b) 17.Rb1 b6 18.Qe2 and White is superior; 15...fg4 16.Bf6 gf6 17.Qg4 f5 18.Rf5 Bf5 19.Qf5 and White is winning] **16.Rf4** [RR 16.Ne2!? and White is superior; Sasa Velickovic] **Rae8** [16...Bc3 17.bc3 Qc3 a) RR18.Rb1 Rab8 (18...b6 19.Qf1 Bc2 20.Qb5 Kd8 21.Qc6 and White is winning) 19.Qf1!? and White is superior; Sasa Velickovic; b) 18.Qf1! and White is superior] **17.Bf6** [17.d6!? c4 18.Bf6 gf6 19.Rc4 and White is superior] **gf6 18.Qf3 c4! 19.d6! Qb6 20.Kh1 Bc3** [20...Bd6 21.Rc4 and White is superior] **21.Qc3 Re3** [RR 21...Re2 22.Rc4! Rc2 23.Qf6 Qd8 (23...Rc4 24.Qe7 Kc8 25.d7 Kb8 26.Qe5 and White is winning) 24.Qe5 Rc4 25.Qb5 and White is winning; Sasa Velickovic] **22.Qc4** [22.Qf6 Rhe8 23.Rc4 (23.Raf1 R8e6 24.Qg7 Re1) Re1 24.Re1 Re1 25.Kh2 (25.Bf1 Qd6 26.Rd4?? Rf1) Qd6 26.Qd6 Kd6 27.Bb7 Rb1 and White is superior] **Rc8! 23.Qa4 Kd8 24.Rf6** [24.Rb4 Bc2! 25.b3 (25.Rb6 Ba4 26.Rb7 Rc2 with counterplay) Qa6 (25...Rh3!? 26.Bh3 Qe3 27.Bg2 Qh6 28.Kg1 Qe3 29.Kh2! Qe5 30.Rf4 Qa1 31.Qa5 b6 32.Qa7 Qe5 33.Qb6 Kd7 34.Qd4 Bg6 and White is slightly better) 26.Rb7 (RR 26.Qa6!? ba6 27.Rf1 Sasa Velickovic) Qa4 27.ba4 Ba4 28.Rf7 Bc6 and White is slightly better] **Qb2 25.Qa5!** [25.Raf1? Qa3!] **Kd7** time [25...b6 26.Qg5! Qa1 (26...Rh3 27.Bh3 Qa1 28.Rf1 f6 29.Qe3 Qe5 30.Qe5 fe5 31.Rf8 Be8 32.g5 Rc3 33.Bf5 and White is winning; 26...h6 27.Qe3 and White is winning; RR 26...Rc5 27.Rf5 f6 28.Qe3 Qa1 29.Rf1 Qe5 30.Qf3 Rc2 31.Rd1 Qe2 32.Qf6 Kd7 33.Qg7 Kd8 34.Qg8 Kd7 35.Qd5 and White is winning; Sasa Velickovic) 27.Rf1 f6 28.Qe3 Qe5 29.Qe5! (29.Qb3 Rc2 30.Qg8 Qe8 31.Qg7 Qe2 32.Qf6 and White is superior; RR 29.Qf3 Rc2 and White is winning see 26...Rc5) fe5 30.Rf8 Kd7 31.Rc8 Kc8 32.Bc6 Bc2 33.g5! Bd3 34.Kg2 b5 35.h4 Bc4 36.h5 Ba2 37.Bb5 Bb1 38.Kf3 a5 39.Bc6 and White is winning] **26.Raf1** (time) **Rc2 27.R6f2!** [27.Qd5?! Rc1; 27.Rf7! Bf7 28.Rf7 Ke8 a) 29.d7? Kf7 30.Qd5 Re6 (30...Kg7 31.Qg5 Kf7 32.Bd5 Re6) 31.Qh5 (31.d8N? Ke7) Kg7 32.Qg5 Kf7 equal; b) 29.Rf1 Rg2 30.d7 Kd7 31.Rd1 Kc6 32.Qd5 Kb6 33.Qd6 Kb5 34.Rd5 Ka4 35.Rd4 Ka5 36.Qc5 and White is winning; c) 29.Rf5!? and White is winning; d) 29.Qh5! Rc1 30.Rf1 Kd7 31.Qf5! (31.Qh7? Kd8 equal) Kd6 32.Qf4 and White is winning] **Qc3** [27...f6 28.Bc6!! Kc6 (28...bc6 29.Qc7 Ke6 30.Qe7 Kd5 31.Qe3 and White is winning; 28...Kd6 29.Qd5 and White is winning) 29.Qc7 Kd5 (29...Kb5 30.Qb7 Kc5 31.Qb2 and White is winning) 30.d7!! Be4 31.Kg1 and White is winning; 27...h6 28.Bc6!! and White is winning; 27...Qa3 28.Qb5 Kd8 29.Qg5 Kd7 30.Rf7 and White is winning] **28.Rf7!** [28.Qb5 Kd8 29.Qg5 f6] **Bf7 29.Rf7 Ke8 30.d7!** [30.Qh5 Rc1] **Kf7 31.Qc3 1-0** [A. Motylev]



**9. A. Volokitin 2671 – M. Kobalia 2634**  
Budva 2009 — 105/86 [C41]

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 ed4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Be7 6.Bf4 0-0 7.Qd2 d5 8.Ndb5 Bb4!** [8...c6 9.Nc7 d4 10.Na8 dc3 11.Qd8 Rd8 12.bc3 Ne4 13.Bd3 and White is superior] **9.0-0-0** [9.Nc7 Ba5 10.Na8 Ne4 11.Bc7 (11.Ne4 Bd2 12.Nd2 Qf6 13.Bb8 Bg4 and Black is superior) Nd2 12.Bd8 Rd8 13.0-0-0 Bc3 14.bc3 Ne4 with counterplay; 9.ed5!?] **c6 10.Nc7 Ne4 11.Qe3** [11.Qd4 Bc3 12.bc3 Qe7 13.Kb2 g5 unclear] **Nc3 12.bc3 Ba3 13.Kd2!?** [a novelty; 13.Kb1 Na6 14.Na8 Qa5 with counterplay; 14...b5 see 56/(324)] **Nd7 14.Na8 Bc5! 15.Qg3?** [15.Qd3! Nf6 16.f3 Bd7 17.Nc7 Bb6 with compensation] **Nf6 16.Bd3** [16.f3 Nh5 17.Qg5 Nf4 18.Qf4 Bd6 19.Qd4 Qg5 and Black is winning; 16.Re1! Ne4 17.Re4 de4 18.Ke1 h5!? 19.Nc7 h4 20.Qg5 Qg5 21.Bg5 Bd6 and Black is superior]



**16...Nh5! 17.Bc7** [17.Qg5 Nf4 18.Qf4 Bd6! 19.Qd4 (19.Qe3 Re8 and Black is winning) c5! 20.Qa4 (20.Qd5 Bf4 21.Ke2 Qd5 22.Bh7 Kh7 23.Rd5 Bg4 24.f3 Be6 25.Rc5 Ra8 and Black is winning) Bd7 21.Bb5 Qg5 22.Ke1 Bb5 23.Qb5 Qg2 24.Rf1 Qe4 25.Qe2 Re8! (and Black is winning) 26.Rd2 (26.Qe4 Re4 27.Kd2 Bf4 28.Kd3 c4 mate; 26.Qe3 Bf4) Qa4] **Qf6!** [17...Ng3? 18.hg3 Qg5 19.Bf4 Qf6 20.Bh7 Kh8 21.Bd3 equal] **18.Qe5** [18.Qf3 Qg5 19.Ke1 Bg4 and Black is winning; 18.Be5 Ng3 19.Bf6 Nh1 and Black is winning] **Qh6 19.Ke1** [19.f4 f6! 20.Qe2 Nf4 and Black is winning] **Bd7!** [19...Bg4 20.Bf5!] **20.Bf5** [20.Kf1 Re8 21.Qe8 Be8 22.g3 Qe6 and Black is winning] **Re8 21.Bd7 Re5 22.Be5 Qg5! 23.Kf1** [23.Bd4 Bd4 24.cd4 Qe7 25.Kd2 Qd7 and Black is winning] **Qe5 24.Re1 Qc3 25.Nc7 Nf6 26.Bf5 Qd2 27.Re2 Qc1 28.Re1 Qf4 0-1** [M. Kobalia]

**10. V. Kramnik 2759 – P. Leko 2751**  
Nice (blindfold) 2009 — 105/142 [D43]

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 dc4 7.e4 g5 8.Bg3 b5 9.Be2 Bb7 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Ne5 Bg7 12.Nd7 Nd7 13.Bd6 a6 14.a4 e5 15.Re1! Qf6 16.Ba3 Bf8 17.Bg4 Rd8 18.ab5 ab5** [a novelty; 18...cb5?! see 105/(142)] **19.Bf8 Kf8!** [19...Nf8 20.Ra7! Rd4 21.Qa1] **20.Bd7 Rd7!** [20...ed4 21.e5 Qe7 22.e6 dc3 23.Qd4 f6 24.bc3 and White is superior] **21.de5 Qe6** [21...Rd1 22.ef6 Re1 23.Re1 Kg8 24.e5 and White is slightly better] **22.Qh5 Qe5**



**23.f4! Qf4** [23...Qc5 24.Kh1 Qf2 unclear; 23...Qe7 unclear, with the idea 24.e5 gf4 25.e6 fe6 26.Qe5 Rg8] **24.Rf1 Qe5** [24...Qh4 25.Qg6 g4 26.Rad1] **25.Rf5 Qe6** [25...Qd4 26.Kh1 Rh7 unclear] **26.Raf1 Kg7?** [26...Rh7! unclear] **27.Ne2! Rf8** [27...c5 28.Ng3] **28.Ng3 c5?** [28...Qg6 29.Qg4 and White is superior] **29.Rf6** (and White is winning) **Qf6 30.Rf6 Kf6 31.Qh6 Ke7 32.Nf5 Ke8 33.Nd6 Ke7** [33...Rd6 34.Qd6 Bc8 35.Qb8 Ke7 36.Qe5 Be6 37.Qc5 Ke8 38.Qb5 Ke7 39.Qg5 Kd6 40.h4] **34.e5 Rg8 35.Qf6 Kf8 36.e6 1-0** [V. Kramnik]

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